

1 AN ACT concerning public employee benefits.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Illinois Pension Code is amended by adding
5 Section 17-142.2 as follows:

6 (40 ILCS 5/17-142.2 new)

7 Sec. 17-142.2. Medicare coverage. To provide for an
8 election of medicare coverage.

9 (a) The Fund shall conduct a divided medicare coverage
10 referendum, open to any teacher who was hired by an employer
11 prior to March 31, 1986 and has been continuously employed by
12 the same employer through the effective date of this amendatory
13 Act of the 94th General Assembly. The referendum shall be
14 conducted in accordance with the applicable provisions of
15 federal law and Article 21 of this Code.

16 (b) A teacher's election to participate in the federal
17 medicare program is irrevocable.

18 (c) Employers shall pay the necessary employer
19 contributions and make the necessary deductions from salary for
20 teachers who elect to participate in the federal medicare
21 program under this Section, as required by the Fund, Article 21
22 of this Code, and federal law.

23 Section 90. The State Mandates Act is amended by adding
24 Section 8.29 as follows:

25 (30 ILCS 805/8.29 new)

26 Sec. 8.29. Exempt mandate. Notwithstanding Sections 6 and 8
27 of this Act, no reimbursement by the State is required for the
28 implementation of any mandate created by this amendatory Act of
29 the 94th General Assembly.

30 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon

1 becoming law.